

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Motoharu SEIKI et al.

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ANTIBODY SPECIFIC THERETO

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 25, 2002, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention of Group I, claims 14-22 and 26. It is noted that this election is made by the Applicants while retaining their right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected subject matter with the protection afforded by 35 USC § 121.

Claims 23-25 and 30-35, directed to non-elected subject matter, remain in the application. It is requested that they be permitted to remain in a dormant condition pending the filing of a divisional application.

The Examiner accordingly is requested to proceed with an examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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